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Report of the Committee of Experts on its seventh session

Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Committee of Experts held its seventh session from 2 to 4 August 2017 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Committee held six meetings (1st to 6th).

B. Election of officers

2. At its 1st meeting, held on 2 August 2017, the Committee of Experts elected the following officers by acclamation:

Co-Chairs:
Tim Trainor (United States of America)
Dorine Burmanje (Netherlands)
Li Pengde (China)

Rapporteur:
Fernand Guy Isseri (Cameroon)

C. Agenda and organization of work

3. At its 1st meeting, on 2 August, the Committee of Experts adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/C.20/2017/1. The agenda read as follows:

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1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Strengthening geospatial information management.
4. Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda.
5. Global geodetic reference frame.
6. Determination of global fundamental geospatial data themes.
7. Trends in national institutional arrangements in global geospatial information management.
8. Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data.
9. Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community.
10. Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information.
11. Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management.
12. Geospatial information for sustainable development.
13. Geospatial information and services for disasters.
14. Marine geospatial information.
15. National geospatial data and information systems.
16. Strengthening collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.
17. Review of United Nations activities in geospatial information management.
18. Programme management report.
19. Provisional agenda and dates for the eighth session of the Committee of Experts.
20. Report of the Committee of Experts on its seventh session.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee of Experts approved the organization of the work of the session, as contained in document E/C.20/2017/L.1.

D. Attendance

5. The session was attended by ___ participants, including ___ representatives from __ Member States and ___ representatives from ___ non-Member States. Also present were ___ representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. The list of participants is available from the website of the Committee of Experts at http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html.

6. The Committee also invited the following organizations to participate in the work of the session as observers: AAM Group; Austrian Academy of Sciences; Bentley Systems Asia; Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Booz Allen Hamilton; Cadastral Solutions; Caribbean Chapter of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association; Carleton University; CARTO; Centre for Spatial Law and

Policy; Columbia University; ConsultingWhere; Cooperative Research Centre for Spatial Information, Australia; Deloitte and Touche; DigitalGlobe; Earth-i; Effigis Geo-Solutions; Environmental System Research Institute; EuroGeographics; European Space Agency; Geomares Publishing; Geospatial Media and Communications; GeoSUR; GeoThings; Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data; Global Resources Management Consultancy; Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association; Google; Group on Earth Observations; Harris Corporation; Hexagon Geosystems; Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team; Institute for Conscious Global Change; Institute of Photogrammetry and Geoinformation; International Association of Geodesy; International Federation of Surveyors; International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing; Kokusai Kogyo; KU Leuven; Land Equity International; Location Intelligence; MapAction; Mapuniverse Technology; National Autonomous University of Mexico; Omidyar Network; Open Geospatial Consortium; Oracle; Pan-American Institute of Geography and History; Pasco Corporation; Planet Labs; Polytechnic University of Milan; PrecisionHawk; Radiant Earth; Taylor and Francis Group; Trimble; University of Maine; University of Melbourne; University of New South Wales; and University of Twente.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Committee of Experts at its seventh session are available from the website of the Committee of Experts at http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html.